

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1-10 are canceled claims 11-30 are added for the Examiner's consideration. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendment does not add new matter to the present application.

Claims 1-10 are canceled and replaced with claims 11-20. Claims 11-20 delete reference numerals in the claims and better comport claims to U.S. Patent practice. For example, the language "characterizing" has been deleted from the claims. The claims 11-20 are also in better grammatical context. The amendments to the claims have not been made to overcome the prior art, and thus, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

Additionally, new claims 21-30 are provided herein which recite additional features of the invention. Support for the new claims can be found at pages 2-4 of the literal English translation of the application, in addition to figures 1-4.

The specification is amended to include headings, and to delete "objects" of the invention. A substitute Abstract is also attached hereto. No new matter is added. The substitute Abstract does not include reference numerals, corrects minor grammatical errors and comports with U.S. Patent practice.

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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